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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE

Pentagon Request

The Joint Chiefs of Staff (J3-SOD) has requested copies of all FBIS reporting on Central America and the Caribbean countries through 30 June. The reporting was said to be required in connection with a series of planned military exercises. FBIS arranged for direct filing of FBIS field material on the area by teletype to J3-SOD. (25X1

"Pipeline" Section

Because of the high level of interest in the proposed USSR gas pipeline to West Europe, FBIS will devote a new section of its JPRS (Joint Publications Research Service) issuance, USSR REPORT: ENERGY, to this subject. The section will be entitled "Pipelines." In response to consumer requests, information on all USSR pipelines used for transporting oil, gas, and coal slurry will be included in the new section. Heretofore, such material has been incorporated in FBIS reports on energy, transportation, and foreign trade. 25X1

Spanish Language Effort

U.S. Government attention to the Caribbean area was especially evident during the past month as the demand for classified work on Spanish-language translations outpaced other requests to the Foreign Language Service Center (FLASC) of the FBIS Production Group. FBIS staff officers translated 219 pages of material into Spanish for DDO's LA, SE, and IAD divisions. One of the assignments included preparation of a Spanish-language script for a film, "The KGB in North America," which is slated for replay in Latin America. of FBIS will narrate the Spanish version of the film. 25X1 25X1

Local Services

FBIS bureaus around the world frequently provide special services to Stations, Embassies, and U.S. military commands. The Bangkok Bureau noted that during the month of January it received and responded to 42 queries from the Embassy. Usually such ad hoc requests are by phone, and some require responses from several bureaus. The Nicosia Bureau provides translation support for the Embassy in Athens; in January, for example, a

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6,000-word article from the Athens press on the Greek Government's plans for negotiations with the United States was processed at Embassy request. FBIS bureaus are also called upon frequently to provide support for visiting U.S. officials. The Tel Aviv Bureau, for example, recently prepared a special package of noteworthy items for Secretary Haig, at the request of Embassy officials. Embassy couriers delivered the FBIS material to Haig at Ben Gurion Airport and in Jerusalem during a visit to Israel in January.

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Support to INR

Because of the many unique files maintained by the FBIS Analysis Group's Research Branch, other agencies often turn to FBIS for quick responses to questions, particularly as they relate to the communist world and statements by such major figures as Castro and Qadhafi. On 1 March, for example, INR called FBIS for urgent assistance in locating "recent attacks" by Qadhafi on moderate Arab states, Gulf states, and Egypt "for use on the Hill." The response was that Qadhafi has not been publicly attacking the moderate Arab regimes the past month or so, and that he seldom attacks specific Gulf states.

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British Visitor

Roland Challis, deputy head of the BBC Monitoring Service, was briefed by FBIS during a visit to Washington this week. Mr. Challis was primarily interested in FBIS automation efforts, specifically "MIDAS," the automation of the Wire Service and Daily Report. BBC is moving in a similar direction for their monitoring service, and Challis is working on a plan that will include provision of BBC material to FBIS electronically rather than by paper distribution. FBIS and BBC have cooperated in radio monitoring since World War II.

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